

MassParks First Day Hikes

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Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park First Day Hike

January 1, 2015, 1:00 pm

Join friends, neighbors and DCR State Park staff for a guided First Day Hike at the Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park. Free and recommended for all ages.

A First Day hike is a fun way to start off the New Year with a walk along the historic canal towpath in a beautiful state park. Make a resolution to burn off those extra holiday calories on a designated Healthy Heart Trail.

The River Bend Farm Visitor Center will be open at noon for signing in. Meet the Locktender, a costumed interpreter, while exploring the "Following the Plough" exhibits. The address is 287 Oak Street off Hartford Avenue, one mile east of Route 122, Uxbridge MA.

The hike starts promptly at 1 pm and is two and a quarter miles (2.25), about a 90 minute long level walk on the Lady Carrington Towpath Trail between River Bend Farm and Stanley Woolen Mill. It is a designated viewable wildlife area with varied habitat including waterways, fields and forest along the route. Be prepared for cold weather: dress in layers and wear wint boots. If conditions permit bring snowshoes and hiking poles. Dogs allowed on leash.

Afterwards enjoy some hot chocolate back at the barn.

Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Pre registration by December 30 would be helpful. For more information, or in case of inclement weather call 508-278-7604



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